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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

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**H-7949 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE SPONSOR'S REQUEST  
PROPOSED SUB A's HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR H-7940, H-7942, H-7945 & H-8122  
H-7940, H-7942, H-7945, H-7949 HAVE BEEN ADDED**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, May 19, 2022  
**TIME:** Rise of the House  
**PLACE:** House Lounge - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

### House Bill No. [7201](#)

**BY** Cortvriend, McGaw, Donovan, Edwards

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC3353/1} (Provides a procedure for homeowners to submit to a municipal zoning board of review or municipal official or agency for a review to determine whether or not a proposed use under this chapter requires a special use permit.)

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/16/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/13/2022 Scheduled for consideration

### House Bill No. [8122](#)

**BY** Tanzi, McEntee

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS -- TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT-- LANDING FEE {LC5731/1} (Increases the landing fee at the Port of Galilee in the town of Narragansett from thirty-five cents (\$.35) to seventy-five cents (\$.75).)

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/27/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/13/2022 Scheduled for consideration

### House Bill No. [7940](#)

**BY** Shekarchi, Speakman, Williams, Potter, Knight, Fogarty, Hull, Cortvriend, Casimiro, Alzate

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF COMMERCE {LC5366/1} (Makes the deputy secretary of commerce for housing the secretary of commerce for housing, effective July 1, 2022.)

03/07/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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03/31/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/17/2022 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [7942](#)**

**BY Ackerman, Shekarchi**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC5367/1} (Revise and clarifies the definition of an accessory dwelling unit in the zoning enabling act. Also permits certain accessory dwelling units to be counted towards low and moderate income housing requirements.)

03/07/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

04/08/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/12/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/10/2022 Scheduled for consideration

05/11/2022 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

05/17/2022 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [7945](#)**

**BY Speakman, Shekarchi, Donovan, Cortvriend, Carson, Hull, Fogarty, Casimiro, Alzate**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC5362/1} (Amends the composition of the state housing appeals board by adding a member selected by the speaker of the house and a member selected by the senate president, as well as two (2) more alternates selected by the speaker.)

03/07/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/31/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/17/2022 Scheduled for consideration

**~~House Bill No. [7949](#)~~**

**~~BY Speakman, Shekarchi, Donovan, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Hull, Casimiro, Alzate~~**

**~~ENTITLED~~**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC5364/1} (~~Revises the comprehensive permitting process and the appeals process in regard to low and moderate income housing. It also adds two (2) additional alternates to the state housing appeals board.~~)

~~03/07/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing~~

~~04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

~~04/27/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study~~

~~05/17/2022 Scheduled for consideration~~

**PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE**

**House Bill No. [8122 SUB A](#)**

{LC5731/A/1}

**House Bill No. [7940 SUB A](#)**  
{LC5366/A/1}

**House Bill No. [7942 SUB A](#)**  
{LC5367/A/1}

**House Bill No. [7945 SUB A](#)**  
{LC5362/A/1}

**SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION**

**House Bill No. [8057](#)**

**BY Williams, Giraldo, Henries, Biah, Cassar, Hull, Diaz, Batista, Felix, Perez**  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 -- AFFORDABLE HOUSING {LC5602/1} (Imposes restrictions on residential developments. Changes affordability limits for household income for eligible renters and owners. Defines first generation homebuyer. Creates a restricted receipt account for fees generated by this section.)

03/25/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

04/08/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/12/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/13/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8231](#)**

**BY Fogarty, McEntee, Tanzi**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN {LC5894/1} (Clarifies that qualification to vote in elections of the Kingston Fire District extends to those residents of the District qualified to vote in the town of South Kingstown elections.)

05/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/13/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8232](#)**

**BY Chippendale**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INCORPORATE THE FOSTER FIRE DISTRICT {LC5751/1} (Creates a Foster Fire District with authority to levy taxes, for the purpose of providing fire and rescue services to the town of Foster, subject to its approval by qualified electors within the town of Foster, at the November 8, 2022, general election.)

05/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/13/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8233](#)**

**BY McEntee, Tanzi**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT TO FINANCE THE IMPROVEMENT, REPLACEMENT, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, REPAIR, RECONSTRUCTION AND/OR RESTORATION OF ROADWAYS, SIDEWALKS, STORM DRAINS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND OTHER PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$20,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR {LC5933/1} (Authorizes the town of Narragansett to issue up to \$20,000,000 general obligation bonds, notes and other indebtedness to finance the improvement, replacement, construction, and repair of roadways, sidewalks, drains, and buildings.)

05/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/13/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8234](#)**

**BY Messier, Alzate, Felix, Shallcross Smith**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT, REPAIR, ALTERATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$18,350,000 BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025 {LC5951/1} (Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue not more than \$18,350,000 general obligation bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, repair, alteration, furnishing and equipping of public buildings.)

05/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/13/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8235](#)**

**BY Messier, Alzate, Felix, Shallcross Smith**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPAVING OF STREETS IN THE CITY AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025 {LC5948/1} (Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue not more than \$3,000,000 general obligation bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance the repaving of streets and all costs related thereto.)

05/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/13/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8236](#)**

**BY Messier, Alzate, Felix, Shallcross Smith**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DRAINAGE AND LANDSCAPING AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,200,000 BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025 {LC5947/1} (Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue not more than \$1,200,000 general obligation bonds, notes and other indebtedness to finance design, construction, reconstruction and repair of streets and sidewalks including, drainage and landscaping.)

05/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/13/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8237](#)**

**BY Messier, Alzate, Felix, Shallcross Smith**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE PLANNING, EVALUATION, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE SANITARY SEWERS AND STORM SEWERS IN THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000,000 BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025 {LC5949/1} (Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue up to \$1,000,000 general obligation bonds, notes and other indebtedness to finance the planning, evaluation, design, construction, equipping and reconstruction of the sewer and sanitation system.)

05/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/13/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8238](#)**

**BY Messier, Alzate, Felix, Shallcross Smith**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENOVATION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES IN THE CITY INCLUDING LAND ACQUISITION AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$4,100,000 BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025 {LC5950/1} (Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue not more than \$4,100,000 general obligation bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance the construction, renovation, construction, reconstruction and equipping of public recreation facilities.)

05/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/13/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8239](#)**

**BY Messier, Alzate, Felix, Shallcross Smith**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF BRIDGES AND ALL COSTS INCIDENTAL OR RELATED THERETO AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000,000 BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025 {LC5952/1} (Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue not more than \$1,000,000 general obligation bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance the construction, reconstruction and repair of bridges and all costs incidental or related thereto.)

05/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/13/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8240](#)**

**BY Messier, Alzate, Felix, Shallcross Smith**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND REPLACEMENT OF ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AND TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000,000 BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025 {LC5946/1} (Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue not more than \$1,000,000 general obligation bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance the improvement and replacement of road safety improvements and traffic control devices in the city.)

05/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/13/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

## **PROCEDURAL INFORMATION:**

### **TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM**

The meeting will be televised by Capitol Television on Cox Communications (channels 15, 61, and 1061 for high definition), Full Channel (on 15) and Verizon (on channel 34). Livestreaming is available at <https://www.rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx>.

### **WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

**Send written testimony to: [HouseMunicipalGovernmentandHousing@rilegislature.gov](mailto:HouseMunicipalGovernmentandHousing@rilegislature.gov)**

**Testimony must include: your name, bill number and viewpoint (for/against/neither).**

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### **IN PERSON TESTIMONY**

Individuals may testify in person, not by telephone. Sign-up sheets are available in/outside the hearing room. Signs/posters/pictures are not allowed to be displayed inside hearing room.

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**LAST REVISED: WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022, 4:45 PM**

**PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022, 3:59 PM**